namely Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi, Karunya University, Coimbatore and Allahabad Agriculture Institute, Allahabad, are recognized by the Central Government as minority educational institutions. The University Grants Commission has provided financial assistance of Rs. 591.91 lacs, Rs. 734.77 lacs and Rs. 601.83 lacs respectively to the Jamia Hamdard, during the years 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07.

Coverage of Mid-Day Meal Scheme in Andhra Pradesh

2798. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many schools in Andhra Pradesh are not covered under the Mid-Day Meal Scheme; and

(b) how many minority children are deprived of the scheme because they don't study in Government schools or in Government aided schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Government of Andhra Pradesh has reported that mid-day meal is provided in Government, local bodies and Government-aided Primary schools, and AIE-EGS centres. The total number of Government, Government-aided, and local bodies schools in the State is 65,243. The total number of EGS and AIE Centres in the State is 4920. Thus, a total of 70, 163 schools and other centres are providing mid-day meal to a total of 54.30 lakh students. No schools that are under Government, local-bodies or, Government-aided managements are left out of the mid-day meal scheme in the State.

(b) The State Government has informed that no minority students in the State who are enrolled in Government, local-bodies and Government-aided schools are deprived of the mid-day meal scheme.

Deemed university status for institutions

2799. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that institutions applying for deemed university status will now have to be accredited;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government would henceforth inspect the infrastructure, faculty, etc., of the institutions, before granting such status?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) As per the information provided by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the Commission has issued a letter to all the applicant Trusts/Societies/Institutions to get the institution/courses accredited from the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) and National Board of Accreditation, as the case may be, depending upon the courses offered by them.